

***Hymn** *The Summons (see insert)*

Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown? Will you let my name be known?
Will you let my life be grown in you, And you in me?

Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare, Should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer in you And you in me?

Will you let the blinded man see if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean, And do such as this unseen?
And admit to what I mean in you, And you in me?

Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call your name?
Will you quell that fear inside and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found To reshape the world around
Through my sight and touch and sound in you, And you in me?

Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In your company I'll go, Where your love and footsteps show,
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you, And you in me.

***Charge & Benediction**

***Congregational Benediction**

**Make us one, Lord, make us one;
Holy Spirit, make us one.
Let your love flow so the world will know
we are one in you**

Postlude

Greeters	Barbara Riehl, Darlene Miller, Bob Davis
Ushers	Carl Snow, Cindy Snow, Brett Miller, Shelley Miller
Liturgist	Shelley Miller
Music	Bob Eubanks, Krista Heilmeier, George Hill, FCPC Choral Ensemble
Minister	Dr. Andy Morgan

Announcements

The Minute for Mission today will be delivered by Mary LeMense, Interim Executive Director of Family Promise of Knoxville. *FCPC has been a mission partner and a host congregation with Family Promise since 2005 when the interfaith hospitality network was established in our city. Family Promise works to transform lives of families experiencing homelessness...because every child deserves a home. For more information about how Family Promise helps families avoid or lift themselves out of homelessness, go to: www.familypromiseknoxville.org*

Easter lilies for the Easter Lily Cross are \$10.00 per lily. *You may purchase online through our website or by check. Please make checks payable to FCPC. Checks may be mailed to the church or placed in the offering plate along with your information regarding who the lily is "in honor of" or "in memory of." All lilies need to be purchased by Palm Sunday, April 2nd.*



**5th Sunday in Lent
March 26, 2023**

Prelude

Word of Welcome

Andy Morgan

Minute for Mission - Family Promise

Mary LeMense

Call to Worship

Shelley Miller

Leader: The table of God's love is set before us.

All: Let us come to the banquet.

Leader: The table of God's grace is set before us.

All: Let us come to the banquet.

Leader: The table of God's salvation is set before us.

All: Let us come to the banquet.

Leader: But before you come, you must know—all are invited to the table:

All: the rich and the poor

Leader: the old and the young

All: the gracious and the greedy.

Leader: All are invited to come and know their value.

All: The table of God's hospitality is set before us.

Leader: Let us come to the banquet with joy.

Prayer of the Day

Shelley Miller

Leader: O God, let us feast at the table you have prepared. Let us lay aside our excuses, our prejudices, our propriety, so that we may feast on your love and grace, sharing the meal with all who choose to come. Let us delight in the extravagant hospitality of Christ. Amen.

***Hymn #225 Come, Christians Join to Sing**

Come, Christians, join to sing Alleluia! Amen!

Loud praise to Christ, our King; Alleluia! Amen!

Let all, with heart and voice, Before His throne rejoice;

Praise is His gracious choice. Alleluia! Amen!

Come, lift your hearts on high, Alleluia! Amen!

Let praises fill the sky; Alleluia! Amen!

He is our Guide and Friend; To us He'll condescend;

His love shall never end. Alleluia! Amen!

Praise yet our Christ again, Alleluia! Amen!

Life shall not end the strain; Alleluia! Amen!

On heaven's blissful shore, His goodness we'll adore,

Singing forevermore, "Alleluia! Amen!"

Ritual of Friendship

*Members and Guests – Please sign and pass the friendship register
located on the center aisle under the pew in front*

Andy Morgan

Call to Confession

Leader: God has graciously invited us to the table of love. Although we fail to include others in God's gracious invitation, God's faithful love endures forever. Confident of God's grace, let us confess our sins together.

Shelley Miller

Prayer of Confession (adapted from Village Presbyterian Church)

Shelley Miller

All: Merciful God, Your patience is more than we deserve, for our priorities are so often confused. You call us to know our true worth, but we ignore your invitation and look for worth in other things. You invite us to your table of grace and love, and rather than running full tilt, we hesitate. We consider who else might be in attendance, or we question whether we really belong. You call us to know our true worth, but we ignore your invitation and look for worth in other things. Forgive us, God, for not always knowing what is best for us, and forgive us when we know, but still choose otherwise. Show us once again what faithfulness looks like.

(Time for Silent Confession)

Assurance of Forgiveness and Peace

Shelley Miller

Leader: Friends, hear this Good News: the love of God is beyond measure, and you are included in that love. Know that you are forgiven and thus freed to love and serve. Alleluia! Amen.

****Gloria Patri***

***Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost,
As it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen. Amen.***

****Passing the Peace***

Shelley Miller

Leader: God's love for us is the foundation of our lives as people and as a people. Let us respond to this love my sharing it with one another, assured of God's everlasting love in our lives and in our midst. The peace of Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you!

Prayer of Illumination

Shelley Miller

Leader: Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today.

Psalm Reading Psalm 112

Shelley Miller

Anthem O God Beyond All Praising - tune from "The Planets by Gustav Holst

O God beyond all praising, we worship you today and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;
for we can only wonder at every gift you send, at blessings without number and mercies without end:
we lift our hearts before You and wait upon your word, we honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.

For we can only wonder at ev'ry gift you send, at blessings without number and mercies without end:
for Christ, your gift from heaven, from death has set us free, And we through Him are given the final victory

Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring, that we who know your favor may serve you as our king;
and whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill, we'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still:
to marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways, and make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.

Our Sacrifice of Praise!

Gospel Reading Luke 14:15-24

Andy Morgan

Sermon Who's Who

Andy Morgan

****Affirmation of Faith - Apostle's Creed***

Shelley Miller

All: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

****Hymn For Everyone Born (see insert)***

For everyone born, a place at the table, for everyone born, clean water and bread,
a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing, for everyone born, a star over head.

Refrain:

And God will delight when we are creators of justice and joy, compassion and peace;
yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice, justice, and joy.

For woman and man, a place at the table, revising the roles, deciding the share,
with wisdom and grace, dividing the power, for woman and man, a system that's fair.[Refrain]

For young and for old, a place at the table, a voice to be heard, a part in the song,
the hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled, for young and for old, the right to belong.[Refrain]

For everyone born, a place at the table, to live without fear, and simply to be,
to work, to speak out, to witness and worship, for everyone born, the right to be free. [Refrain]

Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Andy Morgan

All: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen

Call for Offering

Shelley Miller

Leader: As God's beloved, let us bring all that we are, and all that we have, to support God's work in this church, this community, and this world. Let us offer these gifts in joy and gratitude and love, for the many gifts God's table has given us—especially the invitation to God's table and God's best gift of love, Jesus, who lives within us.

Offertory

****Doxology***

Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Praise Him all creatures here below

Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts

Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost

****Prayer of Dedication***

All: O God, through the abundance of your steadfast love, we are invited to come to your table. Accept our gifts— our money, our time, our very selves. May they help forge your beloved community here on earth.